

side, providing the rains have not washed the legs from under them. The furniture consists of a few sticks such as the miner can buy with his three hundred per month, divided by two and then some subtracted, and taken to a company store to pay for food.

Do you think he has anything left with which to buy furniture for his "house" or clothes for his children? If you do, then just make a visit to a company store on payday. Such is the life of the miner, and varying a little one way or the other, is the life of the average worker. While some workers are a little more fortunate than the West Virginia coal miners, none of us are secure under a capitalist rule.

### A New Deal Is Needed

These miners were ejected from the company houses by the company thugs because they joined a union. While some of us do not live in company

houses, how long before we would have to take to the tent as the miners did if we should get out of work. It is all wrong and will be all wrong until the workers awaken to the fact that the coal and all other natural resources of the earth must belong to all to be used by all.

The brain and brawn of labor shape these natural resources into consumable products. Then in order to get the use of these products they must pay to the master who does no work a price far greater than the wage they get for producing them. I say this is wrong. Let us organize to establish a new order of society based on common sense and justice. Let's say all those who do the work of the world and those who are willing to work, but disabled by age or sickness, are entitled to own collectively all they produce collectively; but those who are able to work and refuse to do so are entitled to nothing. When we have done this, fellow workers, then we will have right to claim we are civilized.

## "Prosperity"

If prosperity is as widespread as they say, why do the bosses and government take the trouble to tell us about it? If the American worker is really enjoying so much of it, why are they so afraid of Bolshevism? For the government and the bosses know very well that there is no stronger barrier to radicalism than prosperity.

When the New York Times talks about aliens forming industrial unions, which are "among the ablest, most vigorous and successful labor organizations in the country," and have as their program the control of their industry by means of a soviet. When it states that in the steel industry, the coal mines and the textile trades, there is a similar movement in its early stages. And when finally, it declares that these PEOPLE ARE "MADE REVOLUTIONARIES BY THE CONDITIONS THEY FIND ON OUR SOIL," firstly, we are inclined to have the editor sent to Sing Sing for ten years under the criminal anarchy law; secondly, we have clear evidence that prosperity is being measured ONLY by capitalist bank-accounts.

The Department of Labor recently stated that there was a decided decrease in the number of men employed in ten out of fourteen representative industries. Unemployment is growing all over

the country. Laid-off men are being rehired at a far lower rate. Manufacturers' associations have opened up a campaign to introduce the open shop; that is to say, to break up the union, which is the only support the worker has under the present system.

Prosperity, with bankruptcy staring them in the face, with a crisis approaching this winter, owing to the European trade disappearing! Prosperity, with revolutionary Europe threatening the very existence of capitalist America! Workers in all parts of the world have a foolish habit of imitating one another.

Unemployment, closing down of mills, high cost of living, long hours, hard working conditions and hunger have made European workers rebellious. The same conditions are coming to America. Will they, as the New York Times says, make revolutionaries of American workers? Yes, we think they will.

All Italy is shaken by the effects of a two hours nation-wide strike in protest at the arrest of political offenders. There was sharp righting in many towns. Several were killed. The offices of Lavoratore, the Trieste labor paper, were burned.